

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**First Sunday after the Holy Cross September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**



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**Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

& By appointment

**Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule**

Monday through Friday 9am  
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

**First Saturday Devotion**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Baptism and Chrismation**

Contact the priest at least  
three (3) months prior to the  
requested date.

**Matrimony /Crowning**

Contact the priest at least  
one (1) year prior to  
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

**“YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU” ISAIAH 43:4**

## **Divine Liturgy Intentions Sunday after the Holy Cross 09/21/ 2025**

**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM** For special intentions

**Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM** - For special intentions 2 Timothy 2: 1-10 Mark 10:35-45

**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - For special intentions

**Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - For special intentions

**Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - For special intentions

**Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - For special intentions

**Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM** - For special intentions

**Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM** - For the success of the festival and all volunteers & sponsors intentions

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Holy Cross September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM** - For the success of the festival and all volunteers & sponsors intentions.

### **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 09/6/2025-09/14/2025**

Saturday/Sunday 09/13-14 collection - \$2683.00; **Online Giving** - \$188.11; **Total –\$2871.11**

**Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.**

**“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)**

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.**

**Check flyer for our first one-Day Festival on Sunday September 28, save the date and help us to spread the word..**

**Check flyers for upcoming events. We have a parish mission with Fr Justin Cinnante from NY. Please check the flyer for Friday event.**

**Saturday we will go on hiking trip. Saturday evening Father Justin will address the youth at Amplify night. All our youth invited to attend.**

### **Gifts of the Heart for the Month of September**

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family.

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of all the sick people

**Promoting Vocations** - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. **See Fr. Peter for more information.**

**Scripture Verse for the month** - I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

## Church Dress Code

**Please Dress Modestly.** Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. **Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?**

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

## Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

1. **Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces**
  2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
  3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
  4. **Please refrain from talking in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus - it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.**
  5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
  6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.
- Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.



**Middle Eastern  
Food & Desserts**



**SAJ**

**Raffle  
Prizes**



**Ice Cream**



**Cotton Candy**

**Sunday September 28 2025  
11:30 am - 06:00 pm  
(Rain or Shine)**

# **Middle Eastern Festival**



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**Worcester MA 01602**

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FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19	2:00PM – 12:00AM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	2:00PM – 12:00AM
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	12:00PM – 7:00 PM

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FR. JUSTIN CINNANTE

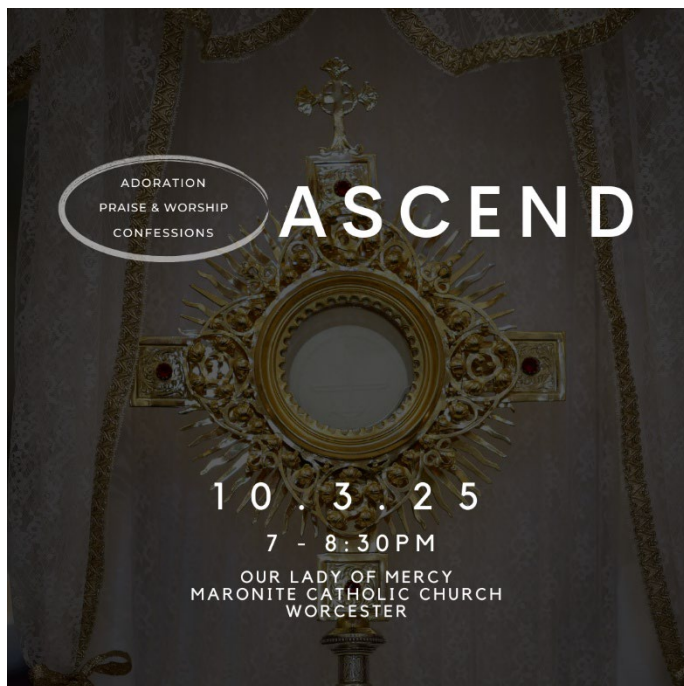


## 03 OCTOBER

**OUR LADY OF MERCY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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8:30 PM - 11:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL  
FOOD | DRINKS | PRESENTATION | Q&A

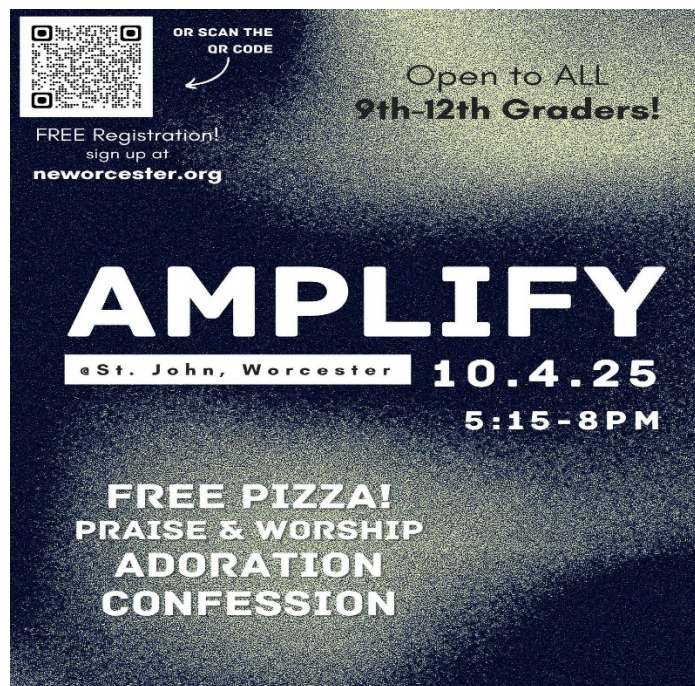


ADORATION  
PRAISE & WORSHIP  
CONFESSIONS

# ASCEND

10.3.25  
7 - 8:30PM

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WORCESTER



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Open to ALL  
9th-12th Graders!

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# AMPLIFY

@St. John, Worcester **10.4.25**  
**5:15-8PM**

**FREE PIZZA!**  
**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
**ADORATION**  
**CONFESSION**





**SONGS OF FAITH**

Concert by  
**RAFCA FARES**

**BOSTON**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
7 o'clock


**Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral**  
7 VFW pkwy - West Roxbury - MA 02132

By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa  
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**RSVP & PYMNT**  
 Jeaques Barbour 508 - 725 - 6705  
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**PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY | TOMB OF SAINT RAFQA IN LEBANON**

**YOU ARE INVITED...**



SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:



**BENEFIT DINNER**

*To Support the Mission of the  
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT CHURCH HALL  
300 N EASTERN AVE FALL RIVER MA

- Special Guest Bishop Gregory J. Mansour
- Gourmet Dinner | Cash Bar
- Entertainment
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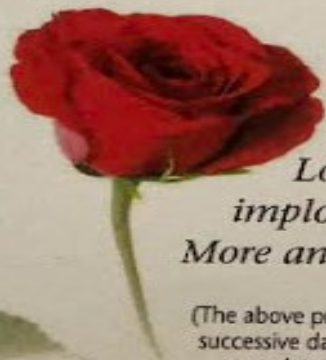
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*Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee*  
*implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day*  
*More and More.*

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)



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First Sunday after Holy Cross

The Second Letter to 2 Timothy 2: 1-10

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of life. Similarly, an athlete cannot receive the winner's crown except by competing according to the rules. The hardworking farmer ought to have the first share of the crop. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish (me) to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخواني، وأنت، يا ابني، تشدد بالنعمة التي في المسيح يسوع. وما سمعته مني بحضور شهود كثيرين، استودعه أناساً أمناء، جديرين هم أيضاً بأن يعلموا غيرهم. شاركني في احتمال المشقات كجندي صالح للمسيح يسوع. وما من جندي ينهمك في الأمور المعيشية، إذا أراد أن يرضي من جنده.

ومن يصارع لا يتال إكليل إلا إذا صارع بحسب الأصول. والحارث الذي يتعب له الحق بالتصيب الأول من الثمر. تأمل في ما أقول: والرب سيعطيك فهماً في كل شيء! تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى القيود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد.

لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضاً على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدي.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10: 35-45

دنا من يسوع يعقوب ويوحنا، ابنا زبدي، وقالوا له: «يا معلم، نريد أن تصنع لنا كل ما نسألك.» فقال لهم: «ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما؟» قالوا له: «أعطينا أن تجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك.» فقال لهم يسوع: «إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أتعمد بها أنا؟»

قالا له: «نستطيع.» فقال لهم يسوع: «الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أتعمد بها ستتعمدان بها. أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعد لهم.»

ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاطون من يعقوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليه وقال لهم: «تعلمون أن الذين يعتبرون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم، وعظماءهم يتسلطون عليهم. أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فليكن لكم خادماً.

ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع؛ لأن ابن الإنسان أيضاً لم يات ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبدل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.»